

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES

CHAPTER 22. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS)

PREAMBLE

1. Sections Affected

R9-22-214

Rulemaking Action

New Section

2. The statutory authority for the rulemaking, including both the authorizing statute (general) and the statutes the rules are implementing (specific):

Authorizing statute: Laws 2008, Ch. 285 § 3

Implementing statute: Laws 2008, Ch. 285 § 3

3. A list of all previous notices appearing in the Register addressing the proposed rule:

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 14 A.A.R. (to be filled in by Editor), November 7, 2008

4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rulemaking:

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5. An explanation of the rule, including the agency's reasons for initiating the rule:

The legislature, in HB2209 General Appropriations, has provided funding to provide hospice service coverage for adults receiving acute care services. As a result of this funding, the Administration is proposing a rule amendment.

6. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and either proposes to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule or proposes not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

The Administration did not use or rely on any studies relating to this rule.

7. A showing of good cause why the rule is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rule will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable.

8. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The Administration expects a minimal economic impact on those parties affected by this rulemaking.

9. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the accuracy of the economic, small business, and consumer impact statement:

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Proposed rule language will be available on the AHCCCS website www.azahcccs.gov the week of November 10, 2008. Please send written comments to the above address by 5:00 p.m., January 13, 2009. E-mail comments will also be accepted during this timeframe.

10. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings for the making, amendment, or repeal of the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule:

Date: January 13, 2009
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: AHCCCS
701 East Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034
Nature: Public Hearing

Date: January 13, 2009
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: ALTCS: Arizona Long-Term Care System
1010 N. Finance Center Dr, Suite 201
Tucson, AZ 85710
Nature: Public Hearing

Date: January 13, 2009
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: ALTCS: Arizona Long-Term Care System
3480 East Route 66
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
Nature: Public Hearing

11. Any other matters prescribed by statute that are applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules:

None

12. Incorporations by reference and their location in the rules:

R9-22-214 (C), 42 CFR 418.202, October 1, 2006

13. The full text of the rules follows:

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ADMINISTRATION**

ARTICLE 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Section

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- A.** Hospice services are covered for all acute care members.
- B.** Hospice services are covered only for a member who is in the final stages of a terminal illness and has a prognosis of death within six months.
- C.** Hospice services are limited to those allowable under 42 CFR 418.202, October 1, 2006, incorporated by reference and on file with the Administration. This incorporation by reference contains no future editions or amendments.
- D.** The following services are not included in Hospice services:
 - 1.** Medical services provided that are not related to the terminal illness;
 - 2.** Home-delivered meals; and
 - 3.** Hospice services that are provided and covered through Medicare.